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No. 56. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. CARPENDALE, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 20th March 1862, No. 11,746 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to Orders of Government Nos. 267 of 19th and 317 of 26th February last, I regret to report that nothing has yet been done towards the preparation of plans and estimates for constructing a Gun Powder Manufactory, Reserve Powder Magazine, and Minie Bullet Factory at Saint Thomas' Mount.

2. It appears that simultaneous with the order for their preparation, instructions were given to make plans and estimates for all the buildings required for a new European Depôt, that much time was lost in correspondence between the District Officers and various authorities regarding the sites of the above-mentioned factories, and also in obtaining an extra Draughtsman and Estimator for the work which the current duties would not allow of the regular establishment performing, and that when the extra hands were procured they were exclusively engaged in the plans for the Depôt buildings. I must add, however, that these also are in a very backward state, and that there is very little to show for the two months during which the extra establishment was maintained, and that there has been great want of activity and attention throughout the time that has passed since the Order of Government was first given.

3. The extra establishment was sanctioned for a further period of two months in Order of Government No. 2,400, of 24th December 1861, and a few days ago I called for all the plans of the Depôt buildings that had been made, from the Mount, and propose completing them here with a Draughtsman engaged on the unexpended sanction, and such help as the establishment of the Central Office can give. After which the plans of the several factories will be put in hand, and I hope it will not take very long to finish them.

4. I do not include in this, however, the grand Arsenal, the Gun Carriage Manufactory, and Military Establishment generally, as mentioned in Order of Government Military Department, No. 656, 20th February 1862, which were not included in the original scheme, and the plans for which will require much consideration and labor.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1862, No. 662.

Communicated for the information of the Military Department, with reference to Proceedings in that Department dated 14th and 20th February 1862, Nos. 568 and 656.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Dy Chief Engrs Office &c
Chepauk
20th March 1862.

No 11746

From
Lieutenant Colonel J. Carpendale.
&c &c Dy Chief Engineer Central Circle,

To
Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Horsley
Secretary to Government F.S.W.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to orders of Government c. No. 207, of 19th and 31st of 26th February last, I beg leave to report that nothing has yet been done towards the preparation of Plans and Estimates for constructing a Gun Powder Manufactory, Reserve Powder Magazine, and Mine Bullet Factory at Saint Thomas' Mount.

2. It appears that simultaneous with the order for their preparation, instructions were given to make Plans and Estimates for all the buildings required for a new European Depôt: that much time was lost in correspondence

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between the District Officers and various Authorities regarding the sites of the above mentioned Factories, and also in obtaining an Extra Draughtsman and Estimater for the work which the current duties would not allow of the regular Establishment performing, and that when the Extra hands were procured they were exclusively engaged on the Plans for the Depôt Buildings. I must add however that these also are in a very backward state, and that there is little to shew for the two months during which the Extra Establishment was maintained, and that there has been great want of activity and attention throughout the time that has passed since the order of Government was first given.-

3. The Extra Establishment was sanctioned for a further period of two months in order of Government № 2405, of 24th December 1861, and a few days ago I called for, all the Plans of the Depôt buildings that had been made, from the Mounts and propose Completing them here with a Draughtsman engaged

engaged on the unexpended sanction, and such help as the Establishment of the Central Office can give. After which the Plans of the several Factories will be put in hand, and I hope it will not take very long to finish them.

I do not include in this, however, the Grand Arsenal, the Gun Carriage Manufactory, and Military Establishment generally, as mentioned in order of Government Military Department № 686, 20th February 1862, which were not included in the original scheme, and the Plans for which will require much Consideration and Labour.-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obdt Servant
H Yeomans Lieut Col
Dy Dy Chief Engineer C.C.

Dy Chief Engrs Office C.C.
Chepauk
20th March 1862.

To
Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Horsley
Secretary to Government C.P.S.
Fort St George.

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From
Lieut Colo J. Carpendale
Ag Dy Chief Engr CC,

Lieut Colo W. F. Drake
Secty to Gov.t P.W.D.
Fort St George

Dated 20th March 1862
Rec'd 21st "

No 11746

Reports that nothing has yet been done towards the preparation of Plans & Estimates for Constructing a Gun Powder Manufactory, Reserve Powder Magazine & Mine Bullet Manufactory & little progress appears to have been made in those for the new European Depot at Saint Thomas's Mount. - With an Order No 662 - 3d April

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